

CBSE Board Examination – 2025

ENGLISH (Communicative)

Solved Paper

Class – 10th

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- (i) The question paper is divided into **four** sections A, B, C and D.
Section A - Reading Skills **22 marks**
Section B - Writing Skills **22 marks**
Section C - Grammar **10 marks**
Section D - Literature Textbook **26 marks**
- (ii) There are **10** questions in the question paper. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
- (iii) Answers should be brief and to the point.
- (iv) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (v) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
- (vi) Instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

SECTION – A

(Reading Skills)

(22 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully: **12**
- (1) India, often celebrated as a land of diversity, is a unique blend of various cultures, languages, religions and traditions. Known for its rich historical heritage, India stands as a testament to the coexistence of a multitude of identities harmoniously under one nation.
 - (2) The Indian subcontinent is home to a multitude of languages. The Constitution of India recognises 22 official languages, with Hindi being the most widely spoken. Besides, there are over a thousand dialects spoken across the country. This linguistic diversity is reflective of India's cultural richness and its people's adaptability and acceptance of varied means of expression.
 - (3) Religion plays a central role in the lives of many Indians, contributing significantly to the country's cultural diversity. India is the birthplace of major religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism and also harbours significant populations of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and other communities. Religious festivals like Diwali, Eid, Christmas and Vesak are celebrated with great enthusiasm, showcasing this unity in diversity.
 - (4) The Indian cuisine is another example of regional diversity turning into a national treasure. From the fiery dishes of the south to the rich curries of the north and from the sweets of Gujarat to the street food of Mumbai, each region contributes to the subcontinent's eclectic palate. This culinary variety not only highlights India's diverse geography but

also brings people together through a shared love for food.

- (5) Cultural practices vary widely across regions. Traditional dance forms like Bharatanatyam from Tamil Nadu, Kathak from North India and Odissi from Odisha, along with classical music forms like Carnatic and Hindustani, illustrate the rich tapestry of regional art forms that together represent India's cultural unity.
- (6) The principle of unity in diversity is perhaps best reflected in the Indian democratic system, where people from diverse backgrounds come together to participate in the world's largest democracy. The Indian Constitution guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms to all its citizens, ensuring equality and justice by transcending regional and cultural barriers.
- (7) Challenges to this unity arise, such as regional conflicts and cultural misunderstandings, but the overarching narrative of mutual coexistence persists. India's ability to embrace diversity as a strength rather than a hindrance sets it apart globally as a symbol of unity.

Answer the following questions based on the above passage:

- (i) The celebration of various festivals in India demonstrates: **1**
(A) expertise (B) skills
(C) regionalism (D) diversity
- (ii) What role does language play in Indian diversity? **1**
(A) It is a unique blend of various religions.
(B) It stands as a testament to South-east Asia.
(C) It reflects India's cultural richness.
(D) It ensures justice for all.

- (iii) Complete the following suitably. 1
 India stands as a testament to the coexistence of a multitude of identities harmoniously because _____.
- (iv) Rectify the given false statement. 1
 The linguistic diversity is reflective of the people's intolerance of varied means of expression.
- (v) List any one classical music form mentioned in the passage. 1
- (vi) What does the Indian Constitution guarantee to all its citizens? 1
- (vii) How is Indian cuisine an example of regional diversity? 2
- (viii) Explain in about 30–40 words, how the various Indian art forms represent cultural unity. 2
- (ix) What is the overarching narrative of India's existence as per the passage? 2
2. Read the following passage carefully: 10
 Why do people travel?
- (1) There are many reasons for travel. Most tourist trips can be placed under the following categories.
- (2) Leisure tourism trips make up 42% of travel. The main purpose is relaxation, rest and enjoyment. Most holidays are taken in family groups, couples or with groups of friends. Sometimes, people may choose to go on holiday by themselves to be on their own, or perhaps to meet new friends. Short breaks of less than one week are also becoming increasingly popular as second holidays. People choose to spend 2 or 3 nights away from home on a short break over a weekend or mid-week to relax and destress. These holiday choices are driven by what memorable experiences we hope to create and what we class as our definition of spending quality time together.
- (3) Health and fitness tourism, such as a cycling tour, trekking, or a walking holiday (5%), is growing in popularity amongst the youth today. Also, sports tourism (3%) wherein sports tours are taken as a spectator, such as a visit to a major sporting event like the Olympics or a World Cup in another city or country.
- (4) Health tourism (10%) implies going to a different country to have an operation or medical treatment not available or too expensive in the country where the person usually lives. This is making India a popular destination because of the excellent medical facilities it has to offer.
- (5) Educational tourism (3%) covers school and college visits and foreign language exchanges linked directly to study experiences and are short visits made by high school students as they prepare for further studies.
- (6) Spiritual tourism (2%) is where people travel both inbound and outbound to places of worship according to their beliefs.
- (7) Business tourism (35%)—Many people have to travel in the course of their business life apart from making a regular journey to and from where they normally work. It may involve driving to a meeting or flying to another country for conferences or corporate events. Business tourism is very important to the travel and tourism industry as it takes place all through the year and some travel and tourism businesses, such as budget hotel chains, rely heavily on income from business travellers.
- Answer the following questions based on the above passage:**
- (i) Complete with a suitable reason. 1
 People go on holidays together to _____.
- (ii) Fill in the blank with an appropriate word/phrase. 1
 The phrase 'driven by' in paragraph (2) suggests that the choice of holiday destination _____ people's experiences.
- (iii) Short holidays of 2-3 days are becoming popular: 1
 (A) because people have limited holidays.
 (B) because people have increased their holiday budgets.
 (C) to take a break from the stress of daily life.
 (D) to visit historical places.
- (iv) Why do tourists travel abroad for sports tourism? 1
 I. It is more economical.
 II. To watch family members play.
 III. To be spectators at world events.
 IV. It doubles up for both sports and leisure.
 V. To train for sporting events.
 Select the correct option:
 (A) Only I (B) II and V
 (C) II, III and IV (D) Only III
- (v) Why is India a popular destination for health tourism? 1
- (vi) Which is the most popular form of tourism and why? 2
- (vii) Explain why business tourism is important for the travel industry. 2
- (viii) According to the above statistics, which form of tourism is the least popular at the present moment? 1

SECTION – B

(Writing Skills)

(22 marks)

3. You are Rishabh/Rishita, Class Prefect of Class IX A. Write an email, in 50 words, to the Principal of your school, requesting him/her to provide an interactive board in your classroom. 3
 Include valid reasons for your request.
 You may copy the given template to write your email.

From:	
To:	
Cc:	abc@xyzschool.com
Date:	April 16, 2025, 03:45 PM
Subject:	

4. Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, of a working model of 'Save Your Earth' that you have prepared for your school's Earth Day Exhibition. **4**
5. (a) The National Bravery Awards are given to honour those children who have demonstrated selfless courage in the face of all odds. These awards serve as inspiration to other children and motivate them to follow in their footsteps. Similarly, the government should institute National Environment Crusader Awards for children who dedicate themselves to spreading awareness about saving the environment. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, in 120 words, expressing your views on the above. Use your own ideas along with ideas from the unit Environment, to write the letter. **7**

OR

- (b) 'Atithi Devo Bhava' has been India's stand since times immemorial. However, you feel, to attract tourists, only tourism promotional drives do not suffice. It is important to sensitise those in the tourism industry to conduct themselves with propriety as hosts and they must treat the tourists with respect, ensure their safety and support them during their visit. As Herbu R., write a letter to the Tourism Department expressing your concerns. Use your own ideas along with the ideas from the unit: Travel and Tourism, to write the letter in not more than 120 words. **7**
6. (a) 'Laugh out loud and feel happy and fit inside out' for laughter is the best medicine. With stress mushrooming all around and among all ages, Laughter Yoga seems a great alternative way to physical and mental health. Use cues given below along with your own ideas and those you may have gathered from the unit: Health and Medicine, to write an article for your school magazine in about 150 words describing benefits of Laughter Yoga. **4**

- Improves Cardiovascular health
- Boosts Immune System
→ production of antibodies
→ activation of immune cells
- Reduces stress
- No special equipment required
- Cost effective

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OR

- (b) To meet the employment needs, the youth today are venturing into startups. As Veena/Veer of Class X A, write an article in about 150 words, for your school magazine discussing the merits of startups as a boon to self-reliance.

Use the cues given below along with your ideas and those you may have gathered from the unit: Education, to write the article.

- From job seeker to job creator
- Economic growth
- Self-reliance
- Decision-making freedom
- Flexible working conditions

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SECTION – C

(Grammar)

(10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks from (a)–(c), as directed.
- (a) Fill in the blanks (i)–(iii) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. **3**
- Perna and Sushil __ (i) __ (has/have/had) spent years together. On growing up they __ (ii) __ (had got/have got/got) separated and went their own ways. Sushil __ (iii) __ (becomes/became/had become) a well-known sports personality while Perna pursued her artistic passion.
- (b) In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheet, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it as shown below. The first one has been done as an example. **4**

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
e.g.	A particular mineral that will formed from a certain combination of elements.	will	be	formed
i.	This depends the physical			
ii.	and chemical conditions under the material forms.			
iii.	This results a wide range of colours,			
iv.	hardness, crystal forms, lustre density that a particular mineral possesses.			

- (c) Do as directed.
- (i) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. **1**

The King summoned his ministers who were whispering to each other and said to them:

The King: What are you whispering about?

Minister 1: Your highness, we were talking about the new education policy in the country.

Minister 2: education experience/a more dynamic/for a holistic/the NEP is/and wholesome/pave the way/approach/which will

- (ii) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows. **1+1**

The King summoned his ministers who were whispering to each other and said to them:

The King: How will the new policy benefit college students?

Minister 2: The policy will provide for an interdisciplinary education that has flexible study plans.

The King asked Minister 2 how would the new education policy benefit college students?

Minister 2 told the king that the new education policy _____ interdisciplinary education _____ flexible study plans.

SECTION – D

(Literature Textbook) (26 marks)

8. Read the following excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for any *two* excerpts, of the given three, (a), (b), (c). **4 + 4 = 8**

- (a) I am important to her. She comes and goes.
Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.
In me she has drowned a young girl and in me an old woman
Rises toward her day after day, like a terrible fish.
(*Mirror*)

- (i) Why is the mirror important for her? **1**
- (ii) With what hope does the woman keep coming back to the mirror every day? **1**
- (iii) Which young girl has been drowned? Where and how? **1**
- (iv) Name the literary device in 'like a terrible fish'. **1**
- (b) '..... that now, forgetting his sport, he would become lost in the admiration of the green cornfield. He reflected deeply and came to the conclusion that the whole universe was built up through love and that the grief of separation was inescapable.' (*The Letter*)

- (i) Why has Ali forgotten his sport? **1**
- (ii) What do the above lines tell you about Ali's attitude towards nature? **1**
- (iii) What did his deep reflection of life make him realise? **1**
- (iv) What does the writer mean by 'grief of separation'? **1**
- (c) DECIUS BRUTUS:

And know it now: the senate have concluded

To give this day a crown to mighty Caesar.

If you shall send them word you will not come,

Their minds may change.

CAESAR:

How foolish do your fears seem now, Calpurnia!

I am ashamed I did yield to them.

Give me my robe, for I will go.

- (i) How does Decius Brutus persuade Caesar? **1**
- (ii) What did Calpurnia's fears make her do? **1**
- (iii) What do the above lines tell you about Caesar's character? **1**
- (iv) Why does Caesar say that he was ashamed of himself? **1**

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions in 30-40 words each: **5 × 2 = 10**

- (i) Despite such a tender age, what made the two boys - Nicola and Jacopo work so hard? **2**
- (*Two Gentlemen of Verona*)
- (ii) 'The vanity of human glory and power is transient.' Elucidate with reference to the poem 'Ozymandias'. **2**

- (iii) What does Ouija board in 'A Shady Plot' symbolise? **2**
- (iv) How, according to you, did Sebastian's normal life get revived? Give an argument in support of your answer. (*Virtually True*) **2**

- (v) Why and how, according to Shakespeare, is the pen mightier than the monuments or even the mighty kings? (*Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments*) **2**

- (vi) Why, according to you, did Patol Babu long to act? Cite reasons from the story. (*Patol Babu, Film Star*) **2**

10. Answer any *one* of the following two questions in about 150 words: **8**

- (a) From the poems 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' and 'The Snake', discuss how the characters, the albatross and the snake view human attitude and perspective towards creatures.

OR

- (b) Both, the poem 'The Frog And The Nightingale' and the story 'Mrs. Packetide's Tiger', reflect themes of exploitation of others in pursuit of personal benefit. How, according to you, do each of these literary works manipulate situations to attain their personal desires and with what consequences?

ANSWER

English Communicative Class- X

SECTION – A (Reading Skills)

1. (i) Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: The passage states that religious festivals like Diwali, Eid, Christmas and Vesak are celebrated with great enthusiasm, showcasing unity in diversity.

- (ii) Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: The passage specifically mentions that the multitude of languages in India reflects its cultural richness and people's adaptability and acceptance of varied means of expression.

- (iii) Because India is a fusion of many cultures, languages, religions and customs and is identified as a land of diversity.

- (iv) The linguistic diversity is reflective of the people's adaptability and acceptance of varied means of expression.

- (v) 1. Carnatic
2. Hindustani

- (vi) The Indian Constitution guarantees to all its citizens fundamental rights and freedoms.

- (vii) From the rich curries of the north to the spicy cuisine of the south and from the street food of Mumbai to the sweets of Gujarat, Indian cuisine exemplifies regional diversity via its diverse array of foods. The distinct culinary customs of each area add to the national palate and unite people via a passion for food.

- (viii) Traditional dance styles like Bharatanatyam, Kathak and Odissi, as well as classical music styles like Carnatic and Hindustani, demonstrate the complex tapestry of regional art forms that collectively symbolise India's cultural unity.

- (ix) The overarching narrative of India's existence is one of mutual coexistence, embracing diversity as a strength. Despite challenges like regional conflicts and cultural misunderstandings, India stands as a global symbol of unity in diversity.

2. (i) People go on holidays together to relax, rest, enjoy themselves and spend quality time together.

- (ii) The phrase 'driven by' in paragraph (2) suggests that the choice of holiday destination is influenced by people's experiences.

- (iii) Option (C) To take a break from the stress of daily life.

- (iv) Option (C) II, III and IV

- (v) India is a popular destination for health tourism because of the excellent medical facilities it has to offer, which are also more affordable than those in the person's home country.

- (vi) The most popular form of tourism is leisure tourism (42%) because the main purpose is relaxation, rest and enjoyment and it often involves family groups, couples, or groups of friends.

- (vii) Business tourism is important for the travel industry because it takes place throughout the year, offering stable income to travel and tourism companies. Budget hotels, in particular, depend on income from business travellers.

- (viii) The least popular form of tourism at present is spiritual tourism, with only 2% of tourists visiting such destinations.

SECTION – B (Writing Skills)

3.

From:	ris@xyz.com
To:	principal@xyzschool.com
Cc:	abc@xyzschool.com
Date:	April 16, 2025, 03:45 PM
Subject:	Request for Interactive Board in Classroom

Dear Sir

I kindly request the provision of an interactive board in Class IX A to enhance learning through engaging, interactive lessons, fostering better understanding and participation. An interactive board will allow our teachers to incorporate multimedia resources, conduct dynamic presentations and encourage collaborative learning among students. This technology will significantly improve our classroom experience by making complex concepts easier to grasp.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely
Rishabh/Rishita, IX-A

4. Our "Save Your Earth" model exemplifies environmentally friendly, sustainable activities. With alternative energy sources including solar panels and wind turbines, it showcases a small version of an environmental friendly metropolis. A water recycling facility and a waste segregation system are included in the model. In order to encourage biodiversity, it also emphasises urban green areas with gardens and trees. The goal is to highlight doable strategies that communities and people may use to lessen their carbon footprint and preserve natural resources. The model aims to inspire individuals and communities to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives.

5. (a)

225, Saket
Delhi

15 February 2025

The Editor
The Times of India
Delhi**Subject:** Instituting National Environment Crusader Awards for Children

Sir/Madam

I am writing to suggest the introduction of the National Environment Crusader Awards to honour children who actively spread awareness about saving the environment. Just like the National Bravery Awards, these awards would recognise young individuals dedicated to protecting our planet. This initiative would motivate more students to participate in eco-friendly activities and encourage a more environmentally conscious society.

By recognising the efforts of these children, we can inspire others to take similar actions, ultimately leading to a sustainable future. These awards could cover various categories such as waste management, energy conservation, tree planting drives and innovative environmental projects. By acknowledging their contributions, we can empower the younger generation to take leadership roles in environmental conservation and ensure a sustainable future for all.

Thank you for considering my suggestion.

Yours sincerely
Akash/Akshita(b) 250 K Avas Vikas Colony
Mumbai

15 February 2025

The Tourism Department
Karol Bagh
New Delhi**Subject:** Enhancing Tourist Experience through Proper Conduct and Safety Measures

Dear Sir/Madam

The motto "Atithi Devo Bhava" or "The Guest is our God" has traditionally served as India's cultural compass. However, the use of the motto in marketing campaigns by itself is insufficient to draw in and keep tourists. It is crucial to ensure that those in the tourism industry conduct themselves with propriety as hosts. Tourists should be treated with respect, their safety ensured and they should receive support throughout their visit.

India's reputation as a friendly travel destination may be maintained and the visitors' experience may be greatly improved by putting in place appropriate training and awareness initiatives. Visitors should have easy access to information, help

and they should feel safe and appreciated. Other crucial actions include keeping tourist destinations clean, preserving facilities and encouraging environmentally sustainable behaviour.

By implementing these steps, we can give visitors enjoyable and unforgettable experiences that will entice them to come back and refer others to India. The tourist sector must put the welfare of its visitors first and embody the genuine spirit of Indian hospitality.

I appreciate your looking at my recommendations.

Yours sincerely
Hebru R.

6. (a) The Magic of Laughter Yoga

Stress has become an unwanted companion for people of all ages in today's fast-paced world. But did you know that one of the most effective treatments is laughter? There are numerous advantages for both physical and mental health with Laughter Yoga, a novel practice that blends yoga with laughter exercises.

Because it raises the heart rate and promotes blood circulation, laughter yoga has a major positive impact on cardiovascular health. Furthermore, it strengthens the body's defences against disease by stimulating the creation of antibodies and immunological cells. Additionally, this exercise reduces stress and leaves you feeling content and at ease.

One of the best aspects of Laughter Yoga is that it requires no special equipment, making it a cost-effective and accessible option for everyone. Whether practiced alone or in groups, it fosters a sense of community and connection, further enhancing its positive effects.

Laughter Yoga truly is the best medicine!

(b) **Startups:** A Path to Self-Reliance and Economic Growth

By Veena/Veer

In today's highly competitive job market, a growing number of young people are shifting from being job seekers to becoming job creators by launching their own businesses. This transformation not only addresses the pressing need for employment but also significantly accelerates economic growth. By establishing startups, young entrepreneurs invigorate local economies, create new job opportunities, and spark innovation through fresh ideas and approaches.

Startups cultivate self-reliance, empowering individuals to build confidence as they pursue their visions and bring them to life. Entrepreneurs value the autonomy of decision-making, which allows them to shape their companies in alignment with their personal ambitions and principles. Additionally, startups often introduce flexible work arrangements, fostering an environment that nurtures creativity and supports a healthier work-life balance.

Beyond the benefits to the entrepreneurs themselves, this entrepreneurial mindset serves as an inspiring example for others. As more young people embrace the startup culture, their collective efforts contribute to a dynamic, self-sustaining economy that lays the foundation for a prosperous and innovative future.

SECTION – C (Grammar)

7. (a) (i) have (ii) got (iii) became

(b)	Word before	Omission	Word after
(i)	depends	on	the
(ii)	under	which	the
(iii)	results	in	a
(iv)	lustre	and	density

- (c) (i) The NEP is a more dynamic and wholesome approach which will pave the way for a holistic education experience.
(ii) Minister 2 told the King that the new education policy would provide for an interdisciplinary education that had flexible study plans.

SECTION – D (Literature Textbook)

8. (a) (i) The mirror is important to her because it reflects her true self. It is a way for her to see her own reality and face the passage of time.
(ii) The woman keeps coming back to the mirror every day with the hope of finding her lost youth and beauty. She yearns to see the young girl she once was.
(iii) The young girl who has been drowned is her younger self. She confronts her own ageing when she emerges out of the water of the lake and accepts herself as 'a terrible fish'.
(iv) Simile
- (b) (i) Ali has forgotten his sport because he becomes deeply absorbed in grieving for his daughter Miriam, for whom he has been waiting for years.
(ii) Ali is admiring nature that shows that he is a nature lover.
(iii) His reflection of life makes him realise that the whole universe is built through love and that sorrow of separation is an inevitable part of human existence.
(iv) The 'grief of separation' refers to the inevitable sorrow and pain that comes from being separated from loved ones. Ali was yearning for communication with his only daughter Miriam.
- (c) (i) Decius Brutus persuades César by telling him that the Senate has decided to give him the crown that day, suggesting that if Caesar does not go, the Senate might change its mind. This convinced Caesar, who agrees to go despite Calpurnia's warning.
(ii) Calpurnia's fears made her urge Caesar to stay at home. She had a premonition and a nightmare about his death and she pleaded with him to take her fears seriously and avoid going to the Senate.
(iii) The lines highlight Caesar's arrogance and his tendency to dismiss warnings and fears as foolish. They also show his desire for power and recognition, as he quickly changes his mind when persuaded by Brutus that his absence might result in a missed opportunity for greater glory.
(iv) Caesar expresses that he felt embarrassed for allowing Calpurnia's worries to affect his choice, even if just for a moment. He views giving in to her anxieties as a demonstration of a sign of weakness and foolishness and he promptly reinforces his determination to attend the Senate, disregarding her fears.
9. (i) Nicola and Jacopo worked hard to support their ailing sister, Lucia. Their commitment and determination were driven by their love and responsibility for her, as well as their desire to provide for her medical treatment and a better future.
(ii) The broken statue of the once-dominant king Ozymandias resting in ruins in Percy Bysshe Shelley's "Ozymandias" represents the transience of human grandeur and power. Nothing of his empire is left behind despite his great accomplishments, highlighting how transient worldly success is.
(iii) The Ouija board in "A Shady Plot" symbolises a tool/medium between the living and the supernatural. It serves as a tool to communicate with spirits and introduces the element of the supernatural into the story, highlighting the theme of the unknown.
(iv) In "Virtually True", Michael's efforts in the virtual reality games brought Sebastian back to everyday life. Michael demonstrated the strength of friendship and perseverance by helping Sebastian escape the virtual world and returned to reality by completing the game's tasks.
(v) In "Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments", Shakespeare argues that the written word is more enduring than physical monuments or the legacies of powerful kings. Poetry and literature can immortalise individuals and ideas, allowing them to withstand the effects of time and retain their core qualities for generations to come.
(vi) Because of his love of theatre and his wish to rediscover the happiness and fulfilment he had previously felt as a stage performer, Patol Babu yearned to perform. Acting gave him a sense of purpose and fulfillment, rekindling his dreams and aspirations from his youth.
10. (a) In "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, at first, the albatross represents hope and good fortune for the mariners. However, the Mariner's senseless killing of the albatross

reveals a careless and destructive human attitude towards nature. This action has serious repercussions symbolising how humanity's disregard for other creatures disrupts the natural order and brings about suffering.

The snake in D.H. Lawrence's "The Snake" is a majestic, serene creature that only wants to drink water. However, the human character's initial admiration is overshadowed by preconceived conceptions which highlights the conflicted and often harmful human perspective towards animals.

Both poems present a critical perspective on how people frequently fail to recognise and acknowledge the inherent worth of other living things, which results in needless injury and a disturbance of the natural order.

- (b) In "The Frog and the Nightingale", by Vikram Seth, the frog takes advantage of the nightingale's innocence and skill to elevate himself and make

money. Under the guise of being her tutor, he manipulates the nightingale until she is exhausted and dies. The frog's exploitation serves as a warning about the perils of putting your blind faith in people who try to take advantage of others for their own benefit.

Similar to this, in "Mrs Packetide's Tiger", Mrs Packetide takes advantage of the opportunity to hunt a tiger in order to fulfil her social competition and conceit with Loona Bimberton. To boost her reputation, she sets up a fictitious hunt, but it fails since the tiger dies of old age. The story reveals the ridiculousness and shallowness of social hypocrisy, as well as the extent to which people will go in order to fulfil their own ambitions.

These literary works highlight the moral and ethical hazards of exploiting and manipulating others for one's own gain.

